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NOTES ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES IN SOVIET ZONE GERMANY

TRANSFERS SUPERVISION OF INDUSTRIAL BRANCHES -- Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, No 30, 19 Apr 50

The Berlin Office for Industry and Trade has transferred the machine construction, metallurgical, metal goods, and vehicle construction trade groups to the German Trade Center for Machine and Vehicle Construction. The rubber, asbestos, and chemical trade groups will be under the German Trade Center for Chemicals. The German Electrical, Precision Instrument, and Optical Groups have taken over the electrical trade group from the Office for Industry and Trade. The trade group for wood, in the Office of Industry and Trade, will be absorbed by the German Trade Center's Group for Wood.

SOVIETS RETURN PLANTS TO GERMANS -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 129, 6 Jun 50

The "Kabel" Measuring Instrument Plant in Chemnitz and 22 other SAG Plants have been returned to the Germans by order of the Soviet government. The "Kabel" Plant was placed in the Federation of People-Owned Enterprises for Radio and Telecommunications (VVB RFT). The plant's 1,200 employees and the main director of the federation, Vogt (fnu), attended the transfer ceremonies.

TO OPEN MODEL SHOPS -- Tribuene, No 25, 1 - 3 Apr 50

The Association of Berlin Consumers' Cooperatives (VBK) plans to establish a number of model shops in Berlin to serve as examples for shop arrangement and sales methods.

The head of the association, Weiss (fnu), mentioned in a recent press conference that 190 meetings of the association had been held during the past few weeks, but that attendance was very poor. Only 25-35 percent of the members attended.

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COOPERATIVE MARKS 4TH ANNIVERSARY -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 109, 12 May 50

On its fourth anniversary, on 11 May 1950, the Greater Berlin Cooperative had 593 shops, 178,000 members, and 271,000 registered customers. It is planned to open additional model shops, increase the number of shops in factories, and install laundries and repair shops in large establishments.

SOVIETS OPERATE 17 HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS -- Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, No 17, 4 Mar 50

An advertisement in Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel gives the names and locations of the 17 hotels and restaurants managed by Intourist, the Soviet travel agency operating in Soviet Zone Germany. There is one in each of the port cities of Rostock, Stralsund, Warnemuende, and Wismar; one each in Dresden, Weimar, Erfurt, and Schwarzburg; four in Berlin; and five in Leipzig, where the industrial fairs are held.

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